

2005 California Quick Collision Facts

During 2005, California had a total of 532,725 traffic collisions: 3,822 fatal; 198,708 injury; and 330,195 property damage only.

A traffic collision was reported every 59 seconds.

One person was killed every two hours and two minutes as a result of a traffic collision.

One person was injured every two minutes as a result of a traffic collision.

Children under the age of 15 accounted for 22.0% of pedestrian victims and 22.8% of bicycle victims (victims killed and injured).

For each person killed there were 68 persons injured.

Speed was indicated as the Primary Collision Factor in 29.1% of the fatal and injury collisions.

Beginning in 1999, motorcyclist victims began to increase over the all time low experienced in 1998. Motorcyclists killed in 2005 increased 102.0% from 1998 and those injured increased 47.7% over that same year.

Alcohol involved fatal collisions have increased 18.4% and alcohol involved persons killed have also increased 20.3% within the last five years.

Of the licensed drivers in California, 22.4% were under 30 years of age; however, drivers under 30 years of age comprise 37.5% of all drivers in fatal and injury collisions.

One out of every 8,598 persons living in California was killed in a traffic collision; one out of every 126 persons was injured; and one out of every 113 licensed drivers was involved in a fatal or injury traffic collision.

As a result of the 3,822 fatal collisions, 4,304 persons were killed for an average of 1.1 deaths per fatal collision.

There were 1.31 persons killed and 88.97 persons injured for every 100 million vehicle miles of travel. (These are more commonly known as the mileage death and mileage injury rates.)

Hit-and-run was indicated in 10.0% of the fatal and injury collisions.

California has not had a day without a traffic fatality since September 12, 2000.